GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Quality of Ammunition
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ammunitions produced by the Ordnance Factories are of poor quality and are being rendered unserviceable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (c): Ordnance Factories manufacture ammunition as per the laid-down specifications, Drawings and Quality Assurance (QA) Plan. The ammunition is supplied after due testing and fulfilling required quality parameters.
It is rendered unserviceable due to a number of factors as mentioned below:
(i) Handling of ammunition during usage.
(ii) Conditions of storage of the ammunition.
(iii) Handling of ammunition during its transportation.
(iv) Expiry of the shelf life of its components.
(v) Manufacturing defects; and
(vi) Design defects.

A committee headed by Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) representative consisting of all stakeholders investigates all cases reported for defects by the user during exploitation and the remedial measures / corrective actions suggested by the committee are implemented.
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